(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Hndustan Times daed the 14th April, 1993 that Indian Freighter Vishwa Mohini of Shipping Corporation of India sank of the north-west coast of Spain with 30 people being feared killed on 8th April, 1993 when the 10,000 tonne freighter was on its way to Bombay due to rough weather;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to rescue the persons in the freighter alongwith the compensation proposed to be paid to the relatives of those feared killed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per international obligations, the Spanish au'horities launched search and rescue operations and as a result picked up 16 survivors of whom one succumbed, and 11 bodes. However, the remaining 21 personnel are still missing and feared dead. In consonance with the bipar'ite agreement between Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and respective Unions, the quantum of compensation varies from Rs. 5,50,000/- to Rs. 11,69,000/-for officers, Rs. 2,08,718/- to Rs. 3,22,910 for crew and Rs. 4,25,000/- for petty officers.

अंतर्राज्यीय जलमार्गों का विकास

377. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
डा. जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार बढ़ते यातायात की समस्या को हल करने के लिए अंतर्राज्यीय जलमार्गों का विकास करने की कोई योजना बना रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश के किन-किन जलमार्गों का परिवहन प्रयोजनों के लिए प्रयोग किया जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि जलमार्गों से माल और यात्रियों का परिवहन अपेक्षाकृत कम खर्चीला होने का अनुमान है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है और सन् 2,000 ईस्वी तक और कौन कौन से जलमार्ग विकसित करने की योजना है ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्र सरकार राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों के विकास के लिए जिम्मेदार है, जिनमें से कुछ तो एक से अधिक राज्यों से गुजरते हैं । केन्द्र सरकार/भारतीय अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण निम्नलिखित राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों का विकास कर रही है :—

(1) गंगा-भागीरथी-हुगली नदी प्रणाली (1620 कि. मी.) जो उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और पश्चिम बंगाल को इलाहाबाद से हल्दिया तक आपस में जोड़ती है ।

(2) सदिया से धुबरी (891 कि.मी.) तक ब्रह्मपुत्र जो केवल असम राज्य में है ।

(3) केरल राज्य के भीतर, पश्चिम तटीय नहर (205 कि. मी.) ।

(ग) और (घ) थल्क और खराब न होने वाले मालों की ढुलाई जलमार्गों से करने पर अपेक्षाकृत कम व्यय होता है । ऐसा माना जाता है कि एक एच पी से सड़क पर 150 कि. ग्रा., रेल द्वारा 500 कि. ग्रा. और जलमार्ग द्वारा 4000 कि. ग्रा. सामान ढोया जा सकता है । फिलहाल, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में किसी नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की घोषणा करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Construction of Bridge on River Jia-Bharali near Tezpur in Assam

378. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GO-HATN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the propoed bridge across the river Jia-Bharali at Chowkighat near Tezpur Assam.;

(b) whether the fund has been sanction ed for the bridge and if so the dotailr thereof; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The work of techno-economic feasibility study and detailed project preparation for the proposed bridge across the river Jia-Bharali at Chowkighat near Tezpur in Assam is being taken up.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As the project is yet to be sanctioned, it is too early to indicate the time by which the work is likely to be started.

1 2.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1992 to Unstarred Question 2107 regarding freedom fighters pension.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1992 to Unstarred Question 2107 regarding freedom fighters pen-(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3966/93).

(THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I lay on the Table—

.1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Minis-*vy* of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Metor port Trusts Act, 1963 :—

G.S.R. No. 821(E), dated the 21st October, 1992 approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees' (Temporary Service) Second Amendment Regulations, 1992.

(2) G.S.R. No. 849(E), dated the 4th November, 1992 approving the Paradip Port Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Third Amendment Regulators, 1992.

(3) G.S.R. No. 872(E), dated the 16th November, 1992 approving the New mugao Port Employees' (Children's Education Allowance) Third Amendment Regulations, 1992.

(4) G. S. R. No. 889(E), dated the 23rd November, 1992 approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees, (Welfare Fund) Second Amendment Regulations, 1992.

(5) G. S. R. No. 899(E), dated the 27th November, 1992 approving the Mormugao Port Employees' (Acceptance of Employment After Retirement) (First Amendment) Regulations, 1992.

(6) G. S. R. No. 940(E), dated the 22nd December, 1992 aproving the Cochin Port Trust Employees' (Contributory Outdoor and Indoor Medical Benefit After Retirment) Amendment Regulations, 1992. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3871/93).

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Tiansport Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 338(E), dt. the 26th March, 1993, publishing the Cen-rra] Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 1993, under sub-section (4) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3873/93).

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport Notification G. S. R. No. 337(E), dated the 26th March, 1993, publishing the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Senior Analyst